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SUBJECT: NEGATIVE NORTHERN IRELAND REACTION TO WAGE  
LIMIT PROPOSAL

1. INITIAL REACTIONS NORTHERN IRELAND TO CHANCELLOR  
HEALEY STATEMENT JULY 1 PROPOSING TEN PER CENT LIMIT ON  
WAGE INCREASES NEGATIVE. NORTHERN IRELAND COMMITTEE  
IRISH CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS (ICTU) MEETING JULY 2  
DECLARED NORTHERN IRELAND SHOULD BE TREATED AS SPECIAL  
CASE DUE HIGHER RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND LOWER LEVEL  
AVERAGE FAMILY INCOMES THAN IN OTHER PARTS UNITED KINGDOM.  
ULSTER SPOKESMAN CBI SAID EXEMPTION PROPOSAL COULD BE  
DISCUSSED WITH SECSTATE REES IN EMERGENCY MEETING  
NORTHERN IRELAND ECONOMIC COUNCIL.
2. CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION THIS WEEK DEBATING AGREED  
MOTION QUOTE THAT THE CONVENTION PROPOSES TO DEVOTE ITS  
ATTENTIONS TO STRUCTURES AND SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENT DESIGNED  
TO DEAL WITH THE IMMEDIATE HUMAN, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC  
PROBLEMS OF NORTHERN IRELAND UNQUOTE. DEBATE SEEMS APPROACHING  
CONSENSUS THAT INFLATION NOT RPT NOT MOST IMMEDIATE PROBLEM  
FOR PROVINCE AND IT EXPECTED DEBATE WILL END TODAY WITH  
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AGREEMENT THAT INTERIM CONVENTION REPORT ON SOCIAL AND

ECONOMIC PROBLEMS SHOULD BE PRESENTED WESTMINSTER.  
CONVENTION ALSO CONSIDERING SUGGESTION BY PADDY DEVLIN,  
SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY, THAT ALL-PARTY  
DELEGATION FROM NORTHERN IRELAND SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH  
PRIME MINISTER FOR DISCUSSION ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

3. MILITANTLY LOYALIST DAILY NEWS LETTER JULY 3  
ATTACKED PROSPECT THAT GOVERNMENT EXPECTED TEN PER CENT  
LIMIT WOULD BE IMPOSED BY EMPLOYEES. NEWS LETTER IN  
EFFECT ACCUSED GOVERNMENT OF WEAKNESS AND OF SHIRKING  
RESPONSIBILITY.

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